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The CBT Master List

I was able to travel to San Jose, Costa Rica, last February to attend two weeks worth of meetings with other DOOR staff working on the Chronological Bible Translations (CBT). Our main focus was to work on the CBT master list. For the past 20 years, DOOR has had 415 passages on the master list, and these passages focused on Biblical narratives, like the stories from Creation all the way to Christ and the early Church. Our meetings in Costa Rica was to add other genres—such as poetry (Psalms & Job), the Apostles' letters, and the books of the prophets—from the Bible to the master list. **We desire to have the whole Bible translated into chronological order in each sign language.** There are some Bibles today that are in chronological order, but only in written/spoken languages, not in any sign languages.

While I was there, we had a short break during the weekend. I was able to check off a bucket list item by going zip lining. Normally, I wouldn't because I am terrified of heights! But I made it down not only one, but seven lines! When going down the line, I had a breathtaking view of the lake, an active volcano, trees and more. I would probably say yes to another chance to go again. I had a wonderful time getting acquainted with DOOR colleagues from Kenya, Colombia, Costa Rica, Asia and the States and to match their names to their faces.

Translation Resource Development

After a 10-day quarantine at home after Costa Rica, my team and I were able to complete the second draft of phase one of our Translation Resource Development project. We are ready for our first international community check in the month of May. We are experimenting with Zoom meetings and sending the videos to teams in other countries to review to see if the mix of American Sign Language and international signs in the introduction videos we created are clear and understandable. **The unique nature of this project is challenging for us, but we are hoping that the videos will help any future new teams set up their Bible translations!** This is new to us, so please pray for God's wisdom and guidance.

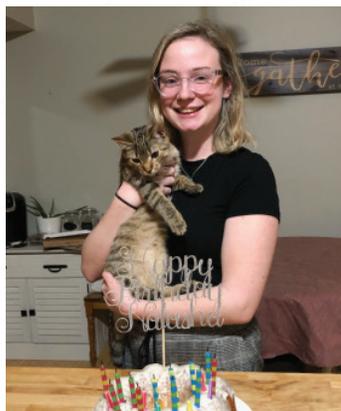
Family Update

Natasha

Our daughter Natasha just completed her first year at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. She will be at home with us this summer before moving into an apartment in the fall in Eau Claire. She got her old job back at Caribou, a coffee chain here, with a promotion from her boss to Manager of Day (MoD). She's excited about it. She is hoping to get another job at IKEA so she can buy a car. I'm wondering where the time went, as I feel like I just had her in my arms and now she's all grown up, 19 years later! She has turned into a fine young lady.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Natasha also got a position in her marching band as a Lieutenant Squad Leader. Apparently, the marching band doesn't normally offer that to the sophomores. What an honor it is for her! Lauren and I are excited and looking forward to going to her performances this fall. Last fall, they only did virtual shows with no live performances.



David-James

David-James is nearing the end of his junior year at Metro Deaf School. He did distance learning for a little more than a year due to COVID-19, and on April 19th, he went back to in-person learning. He is thrilled to be back in school and to see his friends again. He is hoping to get his driver's license before the end of summer so that he can drive to school. His poor parents...they are biting their nails!



PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE:

- the Lord for His continued protection over our family and our team!
- God that He helped our children through distance and hybrid learning this past year.

PRAY FOR:

- our team and our families to remain strong and healthy.
- funding for more Bible passages to be translated into CBT.



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